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## REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

### BRAVE ALABAMANS

Great credit should be marked up for those students and faculty members at the University of Alabama who took a strong stand against the mob of students and miscellaneous outsiders who came so near to lynching one poor little girl—the big brave strong men!

It is easy at this distance for reformed Alabamans and other Californians to denounce the actions of the mob and vehemently to deplore the primitivism of "keep 'Bama white" sentiment. But it's not so easy to do such things when you're down there in the midst of the turmoil.

Most of us who have kinfolk in Alabama or other Southern States are to be observed, when we visit down there, walking softly and, if we do carry a big stick of opinion, hiding it very carefully under our shirts when we discuss this issue with our folks, who are suspicious that while out in the wilds of California we have picked up seditious ideas on the race question. So hats off to those living in the South who have had the courage to take their civil stand in Dixie land, and not some safe thousands of miles away.

### HIGH TRAGEDY

Any of us who migrated to California from the Old South and have become accustomed to the easy, sensible relationship between races here, think of the struggle over desegregation now going on down there not merely as a criminal conspiracy to be denounced, but as high tragedy to make the heart ache and the very bones seem to dissolve with the pity of old festering tensions and what they do to mankind. It is not only the Negroes who are to be pitied, but the whites, caught in the vise of history and tradition and custom from the cradle up.

### OUTSIDERS HELP

Southerners habitually say that they could solve the problem if they were left alone by outsiders. They are mistaken in this, however sincerely some of them may assert it. Outside criticism has done much to awaken the conscience of many good men and women in the South. Outside criticism of the Alabama University riots and of Governor Folsom for running away from the crisis, is going to do good.

As for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, wrongfully denounced in the South as an outside group, it is nothing of the sort: it is the authentic representative of an immense proportion of the population of the South. More power to it! More persuasiveness to it, too!

Incidentally, how about some of our unions right here in California examining their own constitutions and conduct in this matter of racial discrimination?

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

Outlays declined seasonally in January to \$2.85 billion, but topped by 1 percent the previous high for the month reached last January.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546  
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178  
HAYWARD CULINARY WORKERS  
MILLMEN 550  
BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

## Sick Leave Rights at UC Not Lost, BTC Contends in Court

A report on the trial of the Building Trades Council's suit in Superior Court for sick leave pay contended to be due workers for the University of California was made at the BTC February 7 meeting by Joseph E. Smith.

Smith, former Mayor of Oakland and attorney for the BTC in the case, said that he had received excellent cooperation from BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers, BTC Vice President Joe Pruss, Lloyd Child of Sheet Metal 216, S. E. Rockwell of Electricians 595, and Chester Bartolini of Carpenters 36.

Childers, he said, went on the stand and testified concerning conversation with UC Vice President Corley, and Bartolini corroborated this testimony on the stand later.

The case was submitted after a one-day hearing to Superior Judge A. T. Shine with 20 days allowed for the submitting of points and authorities, and 10 days for rebuttal. Smith said that the case could hardly get decided before May 12, and even then it might be that an appeal would be taken.

The basic contention of UC, said Smith, is that when building trades craftsmen in the employ of the university went on strike some time ago they quit the employment of the university, and when they came back to work it was under new conditions. The BTC contends that they did not quit the employment, but were on strike status and therefore still remained as employees.

The university contends, however, that the strike was against the State of California and therefore was illegal. The BTC through Smith as attorney contends that the strike was not against the State of California, but against the Regents of the University of California, a corporation, a separate entity from the State.

The striking men, therefore, it is contended, did not give up their accrued sick leave when they went back to work, and that as a matter of fact the names of the strikers remained on the university's payroll books as striking employees throughout the dispute.

Smith remarked to the delegates that in the course of the trial UC had in effect admitted that the men were not fired, or in any sense dropped from employment. He added that he wished to compliment Childers and Bartolini for their excellent demeanor as witnesses.

Discussion among the delegates later brought out the opinion that there had been for a long time much controversy over the question of the university's exact status in law as an employer, but that many cases had been decided which seemed favorable to the BTC's contentions in this sick leave case.

## 'Local Option' Is Again Condemned

The Central Labor Council has received a letter from C. J. Haggerty, secretary, State Federation of Labor, calling attention to the "so-called local option initiative which would gravely change the liquor control laws of California."

The executive council of the State Federation has asked that all members of labor unions and their friends refrain from signing this initiative petition.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash reminded the delegates that some weeks ago the issue had been discussed by the council, a resolution against the initiative measure adopted, and instructions given to him to write to the Los Angeles Labor Council and ask what steps were being taken there against the proposal. Ash said no communication had as yet been received from the Los Angeles Labor Council.

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, moved that another letter be sent to the Los Angeles Labor Council reciting the contents of the previous communication, and requesting a reply. This motion carried.

Joe Canale, Bartenders 52, at the meeting some weeks ago at which the authorization for the previous letter to Los Angeles had been voted, had spoken at some length on the local option proposal, outlining what he considered the harm it would do if adopted.

**Flood Aid Donation Is Made by Cement Masons**  
Bruce Dillshaw, business representative, Cement Masons 594, announces that the union has made a substantial contribution to the fund for relief of flood sufferers.

## Methods of Labor Council Here Are To Be Described

The Central Labor Council this week instructed Secretary Robert S. Ash to send a communication to the executive council of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations describing the methods of operation of the council has found successful during a half century of existence.

Under the recently adopted AFL-CIO constitution, the executive council of that body has the duty of making rules and regulations for the operations of central labor bodies.

On the Pacific Coast the central labor bodies have developed methods of operation which have proved very successful, but which are not so commonly followed in the eastern part of the country.

The effort here has been to have all unions affiliated with the council to act promptly through the council to bring assistance to any affiliated union needing help in its negotiations. Also, the rule has been to give employers full opportunity to present their case before the executive committee of the council, and to ask representatives of all unions affected in any way by the dispute to meet with the executive committee at the same time.

The many delegates discussing the matter at the council meeting this week felt that a description of the practices so long current here and so successful should be outlined for the information of the AFL-CIO executive body.

## Here's the Story On Price of Milk

Oh Oh we found out once more that lots of people read East Bay Labor Journal, and they all have telephones!

The story in the February 10 issue that milk had gone to 25 cents a quart home delivered was incomplete — incomplete in the way a chicken is when its head and feathers are gone and it's dipped in hot water.

For actually the price was set by the State Bureau of Milk Control at 21 cents, with a 4-cent service charge for no matter how many quarts were home delivered. So if you had 4 bottles delivered the total price would be 88 cents, or 22 cents a quart. The average family, taking in 3 quarts, would pay a total price of 67 cents, or 22 1/3 cents a quart as compared to the present 21 1/2 cents.

Besides, for the moment the whole thing's academic, because the California Retail Grocers Association has got a temporary restraining order preventing the new price from going in effect until a court hearing of the issue is held.

## Labor Council in Lincoln Tribute

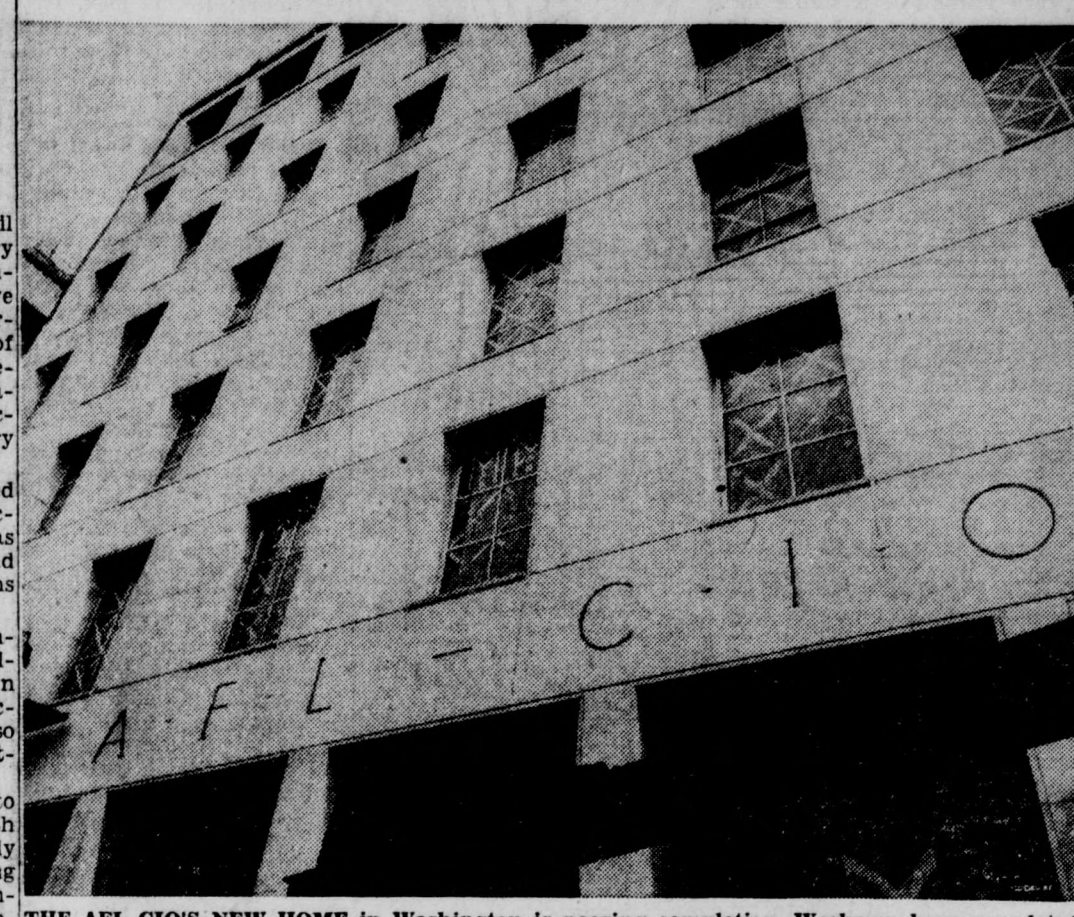
Central Labor Council met this week, Monday, February 13, on the date officially proclaimed this year as Lincoln's Birthday, though the actual birth date was February 12, this year a Sunday.

Adjournment was accordingly made at the end of the session in honor of the memory of Abraham Lincoln, President John F. Quinn requesting delegates to stand with heads bowed, in silence, for the time customarily allotted to such tributes.

## PAGE 4 LETTER CASTS LIGHT ON IDEAS BACK OF RIOTS IN ALABAMA

The OPINIONS column on page 4 of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal will be found to be overflowing with a letter signed by a Mrs. M. Reese attacking East Bay Labor Journal's recent editorial on the need for desegregation. Mrs. Reese gave no address, but her letter, handwritten and obviously a sincere expression of her opinions, was postmarked San Lorenzo.

Signed attacks on this paper's policies are regularly published by us as a matter of fair play. In this case, however, we feel that the letter is worthy of publication for an additional reason: because it casts a vivid light on the attitude of mind which caused the riots at the University of Alabama discussed in the READERS - OWNERS column on this page.



THE AFL-CIO'S NEW HOME in Washington is nearing completion. Workmen have completed the job of setting the AFL-CIO stone blocks on the front of the building and are putting the finishing touches to the interior.

## Richmond, Albany Hospitals Still Avoided by Labor

It was made emphatically clear at the Central Labor Council meeting this week that conscientious labor people are expected to avoid patronizing either the Richmond General Hospital or the Albany hospital.

Jack Faber, Cooks 228, read to the delegates portions of an "open letter" which the leader of one AFL-CIO union had addressed to the newly formed "independent" union at the Richmond General. This letter congratulated the employees of the Richmond General for organizing and suggested that ultimately they might wish to combine their organization with his union.

Faber said that it was an extraordinary thing for the leader of an AFL-CIO union to write such a letter to an organization which was blocking the forming of an AFL-CIO union at the hospital.

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, suggested that either the "open letter" was intended to be sarcastic, or was a shrewd "back door effort" to get the "independents" to join the union of the writer of the letter.

Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870, inquired as to the legal status of the "independent" union, and on his motion the matter was referred to J. F. Galliano, attorney for the council. It was agreed that the "open letter" should be discussed with the writer of the letter.

Faber said that whatever action was taken by the council the fact remains that practically all of the patients at both the Richmond General and Albany hospitals were members of labor unions or their families. He felt, he said, that East Bay Labor Journal should publicize more vigorously than in the past the fact that these hospitals should be out of bounds for conscientious labor people.

## Auto Machinists Vote Flood Relief

Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546, told the Central Labor Council this week that the lodge has voted an assessment of \$1 per member for a year for flood relief, which will make a sum of about \$5000. Williams said that the lodge is also contributing to the William P. Fee Memorial Fund. Other unions also announced contributions to the fund.

## 1-minute Meeting For Brotherhood

Friday, February 24, during Brotherhood Week, at 11:59 a.m. there will be the equivalent of a one-minute stop-work meeting in shops and factories and offices throughout the nation, to hear a message from President Eisenhower.

P. J. Martin, Oakland and East Bay chairman for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, has thanked Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash for cooperating in getting this plan under way.

## Sebastopol Strike Winning; Boycott Hits Final Holdouts

The impending collapse of the W. M. Caldwell's California Cannery local in Sebastopol was made fairly plain at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week.

Fifteen more brands of apple sauce which have been added to the Fair list were read out by Secretary Robert S. Ash, and among them were the two, Lakemead and Highway, put up for Safeway, which was for months a holdout against the consumer boycott of the struck brands.

Peter A. Andrade, directory of the Western Cannery Council, who has been heading the long battle to bring the employers to terms through a consumer boycott, said in San Francisco: "The consumer boycott against scab apple products was a test of strength between labor and the California Employers Assn. in this state, 'Andrade said. 'We met them head on with the most successful consumer boycott that has ever been known in California. Their plans to harass labor elsewhere in this State have been drastically clipped by this experience.'

Andrade warned that the boycott was not over until the signatures were dried on the last contract.

A press release issued by Andrade said: "The long and bitter Sebastopol apple cannery strike showed signs this week of coming to an end, as one by one, the struck plants were sending word to the union that they were ready to negotiate a contract."

"While almost every one of the canneries and dryers have indicated that they are willing to accept the union contract, the only plant that has actually signed, to date, is the Sebastopol Cooperative Cannery. The final execution of the contract was delayed until the 30 day notice of withdrawal from the California Association of Employers went into effect."

"Others who are waiting for their withdrawal notice from the California Employers Assn. to become effective are Silveira & O'Connell, Gold Ridge Products, Inc. and Barlow Apple Canning Co. The latter two plants were never struck."

"Negotiating sessions have been held with the Sebastopol Apple Growers Association, largest of the canneries and Manzana Products Co. While the union has never refused to negotiate with the California Employers Assn. it has found that negotiations have proceeded more swiftly and satisfactorily with those plants which have voluntarily withdrawn from the Association."

The Central Labor Council in Alameda county has been repeatedly praised by Andrade and by George Hunt, Milk Drivers 302, for the very active role it has played in cooperating with the striking Sebastopol union in getting scab apple sauce removed from grocers' shelves here. Hunt is chairman of a Teamsters committee working on the consumer boycott.

Following are the apple sauce brands just added to the Fair list: Lakemead, Highway, Rio Glen, Gold Ridge, St. Francis, Briardale, F & T, Lady Lee, X-tra Nice, X-clusive, Iris, Circle S, Sunblest, T & D, Rosebowl.

## Richard Richards, Senate Candidate, At Labor Meeting

State Senator Richard Richards, candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator in the June 5 primary, spoke this week before the Central Labor Council.

Richards, who was endorsed for the Senatorship at the recent Fresno conference of the California Democratic Council, said:

"The trend is with the Democrats, and if we work together, the victory will be ours, not merely for the candidates who happen to be running, but to put the rank and file of labor, and the rank and file of the Democratic Party, in a position where they can do a great deal more for the people of the United States."

Richards pointed out that of the last 7 special elections for seats in the Legislature, the Democrats have won 6. He said this general trend was showing itself all over the country.

"We have the trend and the registered Democrats with us, and if we can get the right sort of an effective organization, and turn out the vote, there is no question that we will win," he said.

The trend is not only for the Democrats in legislative positions, he said, but toward the White House.

"The issues have been handed to us by the GOP Administration," he added, "giveaway of natural resources, promises to do something about the Taft-Hartley Law, without action, and many others."

Richards said that the Taft-Hartley Law, which puts many restrictions on labor, should not be amended or monkeyed with, but should be repealed outright.

Richards in the primary will face former Congressman Sam Yorty in the race for the Democratic nomination, and in the general election in November will if nominated face the incumbent, the Republican Senator Thomas H. Kuchel. Speaking of Kuchel and Senator Knowland, Richards said: "We are represented in the United States Senate by two Republicans, anti-labor, anti-people. We not only get no aggressive representation from them, but fail in every way so far as they are concerned to get the representation we need as the key State in the U. S. today."

President John F. Quinn in introducing Richards said that he had led the Democratic ticket in the Los Angeles area in the last election when he was chosen for the State Senate.

## Town Meeting on Delinquency Set

The Central Labor Council has been asked by Mayor Clifford E. Rishell to cooperate with Governor Knight's proposal that mayors throughout the State call "old-fashioned town meetings" to "study the local aspects of delinquency and delinquency prevention."

Mayor Rishell has set the Oakland Town Meeting on this subject for 8 p.m. March 14 in the Oakland Auditorium. He asks that organized labor be well represented at this meeting.

## Holmdahl Praised On Open Meetings

Many labor people are congratulating Oakland City Councilman John W. Holmdahl for the successful stand he has made against the excessive number of meetings of the council or its committees held with the doors shut to the public.

Holmdahl's formal resolution on the matter failed of passage. But after he had closely cross-questioned City Attorney Collier about the charter provisions on such matters, and the procedure which under the charter would have to be followed to authorize an executive meeting, opposition to Holmdahl's attitude collapsed.

## SHORT WORK WEEK: SEND COPY IN SOON!

Contributors of material to East Bay Labor Journal for publication are requested to remember that next week is a short one for our printing plant, as Wednesday is the Washington Birthday holiday.

So: get things in early to the editor or they can't get printed!



## HOW TO BUY

**Buying Questions Answered**  
By SIDNEY MARGOLIS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

**Margarine:** "Is there any difference in food value among the various brands of margarine? Some sell for as little as 19 cents a pound. Is the only difference in the wrapping and packaging?"

—Mrs. M. C. Clifton, Va.  
All margarines must conform to Federal standards and thus have basically the same food value. They all must be at least 80 percent fat and contain 15,000 units of vitamin A per pound. The fat is usually a refined food fat such as soybean and other vegetable oils and is blended with pasteurized cultured skim milk. The only differences among the various brands are small ones of flavor and melting point. Thus you can save as much as 50 percent of the cost of some brands by simply selecting the least expensive brand whose taste you like.

**ASPHALT TILE:** "We will start building a one-story house with the concrete slab base and perimeter hot-water heater soon. The plans call for asphalt tile floors. We think the new tile which resembles cork is very attractive, but I have been told that asphalt tile is the devil to care for—requiring constant washing, waxing and buffing, and that it scuffs easily and soon shows wear. Wooden tiles are said to be much easier to maintain, repair and have better resale value. Can you give us your opinion?"

—Mrs. L. L. Guilford, Conn.  
No doubt asphalt tile is not an unmixed blessing. Its advantages are low cost and water resistance, permitting its use on grade, as on a concrete slab, or below grade, as for a basement. However, asphalt tile does have its own problems of cleaning and care, and also tends to show indentations as the tile softens when the floor gets warm. In this case, since you will have perimeter heating, you won't have as much of a problem of indentation as in houses with radiant heat coils embedded in the floor itself. There is still the problem of softening and indentation on hot summer days, particularly if the sun shines directly on the floor, as through a big picture window. (This is another of the many errors of ignorance and careless design that builders and the FHA have perpetrated on small home purchasers in recent years.)

You can get an informative bulletin on Flooring Materials for 10 cents from Small Homes Council, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.  
**SIDING RACKET:** "I read your article about the family in Oregon getting stuck on the

shingle deal. My wife and I were victims of a siding deal just like it here in Kansas. We were to get \$25 for each customer who placed an order after seeing the job on our house, and the contractor was supposed to take pictures. But there were no checks and no pictures."

—F. S. Humboldt, Kan.  
The "model home" sales device is not localized, but used all over the country to sell expensive household renovation jobs on long credit terms to unsuspecting homeowners. Any promise that the salesman will pay you a fee for showing your house to other prospects should be your immediate tipoff to this long-used racket.

### Some Good Food

#### Orange Angel Pie

4 egg whites  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1/2 teaspoon lemon or vanilla flavoring  
1 cup granulated sugar  
4 medium oranges, sectioned  
1 quart lime, lemon or pineapple ice cream

Beat egg whites with rotary beater or electric mixer until foamy. Add salt, cream of tartar, flavoring and beat to soft peak stage. Gradually beat in sugar until mixture is light and creamy. Grease 9-inch pie pan with oil or unsalted fat. Spread meringue in pan and bake in slow oven (250°) from 1 to 1 1/2 hours, turn off heat and let cool in oven. If you have a well-insulated oven, turn off heat immediately and leave overnight.

Chill orange sections for several hours. Just before serving, place half of them in bottom of meringue shell. Fill with ice cream and garnish with remaining orange sections. Serves six.

### Do-It-Yourself

OUR DO-IT-YOURSELF Department inspires this letter and poem from Mrs. Grace Winkelman, Eugene, Ore.:

**DO-IT-YOURSELF**  
Did you ever have the wall-paper woes,  
Get paste on the end of your nose,  
Put a strip on upside down  
Wind another around your crown,  
Upset the bucket with paste therein?  
(Hope some neighbor won't come in!)  
Crooked as heck, has to come off,  
Did some woodwork, paint still soft,  
Four in the morning, all done now!  
Do it yourself? I did. And how!"

### Home Furnishings

**Appliances**  
The American woman who lives in one of the 45,000,000 homes wired for electricity has an average of more than five electrical appliances to help her cook, clean, and take care of her family. Recent statistics show that more than 223 million electrical appliances have been purchased in the last six years.

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### Child-rearing

#### Confessions

A high school English class, whose teacher understandably prefers it to remain unidentified, had chosen as a research topic "The Causes of Juvenile Delinquency." The students set about getting information, their teacher reported, "much as one might undertake a study of Fiji Islanders."

There were eighteen girls and sixteen boys in the class—16-year-olds with better than average intelligence, from better than average homes. Most of them held positions of leadership and responsibility in the school. The teacher suggested that they start their study of "delinquents" by writing a completely anonymous theme on "The Worst Deed I Ever Did." The results amazed him. Four students described deliberate or unprovoked attacks they had made on others; six told of shoplifting in a five-and-ten or supermarket. Three reported taking cars without permission and driving them without licenses. Four related instances of entering empty houses and destroying property.

In all, twenty of the thirty-four students in the class—all of them respectable and respected young people—admitted to offenses in their childhood or early adolescence that could have labeled them juvenile delinquents.

**KEY SYSTEM PLAN** to drop transbay train service and substitute buses for trains will have hearing before State Public Utilities Commission April 23 in Oakland City Council chambers.

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## To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

**MORE WOMEN** were registered as of January 3 in Alameda county than men, according to County Clerk Jack Blue.

The figures: 175,911 women registered; 156,117 men. That's 19,794 more women registered and ready to vote than men—nearly 20,000. Quite a goodsized little city.

**DOES THIS MEAN** that women are more conscious of the importance of civic and political affairs than men are? Or does it simply mean that while a great many women leave their homes daily to go to work in offices or factories, the proportion of men who do so is still larger, and that consequently more women have time to register?

Or is it just accident? **EITHER WAY**, it's to be hoped that many women will call these figures to the attention of their menfolk, and make sure that the men are or get registered in time to vote in the June 5 election—which now isn't so far off.

On that date there'll be the Presidential primary, there'll be Congressmen and members of the Legislature to vote on, and possibly some local issues, such as a big school bond election in Oakland, and a proposal that most county officials be appointive rather than elective.

It pays to begin thinking about these issues, and discussing them with friends and members of one's family. And if you're not registered, get registered, and keep up the fine record the women have already made!

### Speaking of Clothes

#### House Dresses

A woman's clothing around her home seldom approaches perfection.

A career woman whose public appearance is eminently respectable cooks dinner in a let-down skirt from the days before Dior's old "new look," and a baggy sweater. A chic young thing cleans in blue jeans and a man's shirt. A fashion editor lounges in a pink terry-cloth bathrobe.

Uncounted thousands more women wear house dresses. The House Dress Institute, a trade association, has no figures on how many house dresses are such as manufactured, but estimates that they undoubtedly run into millions. A reference book on costume design says more house dresses are manufactured than all other types put together.

Today the humble house dress is not what it used to be. A spokesman for the institute says it has undergone a transformation in the last four or five years. Nowadays it is more tailored, and is often a dress that can go out on the street, though it most likely sells at a lowly \$2.98 or \$3.98. A house dress is said to sell by its print. Prints used often reflect those popular in higher-priced fashions. Good sellers in the \$2.98 and \$3.98 category of one concern last year were a bright paisley with a red-orange background and a sophisticated, watery looking warp print. Both of them were endorsed by higher fashion.—New York Times.

**OFFICERS** and other former Armed Forces personnel are being encouraged in applying for teaching positions in the Nation's secondary schools, says U. S. Department of Labor.

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## Labor Opposes Any Move to Withdraw From World's ILO

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO)—Withdrawal of the U. S. from the International Labor Organization would be one of the most effective ways to destroy this country's international influence and prestige, according to George P. Delaney of the AFL-CIO Department of International Affairs, the U. S. worker delegate to the ILO.

"This would prevent the U. S. from demonstrating its great democratic processes in helping in the social and economic development of other nations—the basic objectives of the ILO," he said. Delaney's defense of the worldwide tripartite organization came after William L. McGrath, the U. S. employer delegate, urged Pres. Eisenhower to end this country's participation in the ILO.

## Farm Labor Needs To Be Organized!

The most urgent need of the 2,000,000 agricultural workers who constitute the most depressed segment of the American people is for labor union organization, according to an analytical survey of American agriculture published by the League for Industrial Democracy and the National Sharecroppers Fund.

The new pamphlet, entitled "Down on the Farm"—the Plight of Agricultural Labor—points out that the American farm is steadily becoming more mechanized, in operation and more corporate in ownership. The marginal farmer is being squeezed out.

The typical relationship on the large scale American farm, the survey finds, is between corporate owners and landless farm hands to work for wages. Under these circumstances, the survey says, the benefits and protections of unionization must be extended to the farm workers. The survey suggests that this is the most challenging task before the newly united labor movement.

### Household Hints

#### Take It Easy!

We have labor-saving devices now by the dozen. But we still insist on doing some things the hard way.

Cleaning can be easier by planning time-saving and motion-saving devices. Adequate storage is the key to easy living through easy cleaning, according to Isabel McGibney, extension home management specialist at SDSU.

Here are some suggestions for the homemaker who is worn to a "frazzle" by her frantic cleaning that seems to get her nowhere:

Keep a waste basket in every room.  
Use a market basket to hold small pieces of cleaning equipment and supplies and carry from room to room.

Wear comfortable shoes and guard muscular activity by squatting rather than bending when dusting base boards.

Protect your venetian blinds with liquid or paste wax. Wear a pair of lightweight canvas gloves and slide the gloved fingers along several slats at a time.

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## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**HOW DO YOU TEACH** youngsters responsibility? Can responsibility be "taught?"

When our country was rural, or semi-rural, when we had no mechanical gadgets to do our work, all human hands, big and little, were called upon to help.

On the farms, where most of our population then lived, boys and girls learned early to be "responsible" for certain chores about the place. Boys must see that the cows were milked and the stock fed, girls often had charge of feeding the poultry and gathering eggs, as well as the care of the milk when it had been brought in from the barn.

Even in towns there was wood to be chopped, coal to be carried in, oil lamps to be cleaned and filled, and usually the growing boys and girls gradually took full charge of such chores.

Thus was a sense of responsibility instilled into them. It is true that with some it never "took." In those days, too, there were the ne'er-do-wells who would never assume the duties expected of them.

Now, many schools are feeling that they have to take over the task of "teaching" responsibility, and a film made by a division of Columbia University Press shows how it is done at one private school in New York.

"Every student is challenged with responsibility for some job of importance to the school community, to give him the feeling that he is cooperating with others for the common good and to make him aware of his social obligations," says the headmaster of this school.

As this school recognizes, responsibility is a social matter. If each of us does not do his or her share of the world's work, the wheels of society will not go on turning.

Once children are brought to realize the importance of each one to the welfare of the whole, they have realized what "responsibility" means.

In home and school, this is a task parents and teachers must face. This is their responsibility.

## Supervisor Dunn Demo Forum Guest

Supervisor Francis Dunn will speak at the Alameda County Democratic Luncheon Forum at Oakland Willows restaurant, 12 noon Monday, February 20. The Adlai Stevenson campaign in Alameda county will be Dunn's subject. Luncheon price: \$1.75. Reports on the Fresno, California Democratic convention will be made. There will be election of 7th Congressional District delegates. Also nomination of officers.

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## No Wonder Publishers are Opposed To Any Survey of Their Fairness!

Big newspaper publishers have turned down by an overwhelming vote the proposal that a foundation-financed survey be made of the fairness with which the press covers the coming Presidential campaign. If readers of East Bay Labor Journal will read carefully the following from the AFLCIO News they may get a glimmer of why publishers avoid such surveys:

Time, the weekly news magazine, has proudly announced its open partisanship in public affairs, but until a Harvard student editor went to work there was no indication of how Time measured its partisanship.

Milton S. Gwirtzman of the Harvard Crimson put a yardstick to Time's coverage of national affairs during the Truman Administration years 1946-52 and the Eisenhower Administration from 1952 to 1955. Here's what he came up with:

### ECONOMIC HEALTH

Time—Apr. 2, 1951: "Never in U. S. history had the cost of living been so high. Between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 the consumers' price index jumped 1.3 percent to 183.8."

Time—July 4, 1955: "After a considerable shift in domestic economic policy the U. S. is more prosperous than ever before." (The consumer price index was 192.3)

### PERSONALITIES

Time—Jan. 28, 1946: "Last week... the President eased his craniest crony, George E. Allen, into the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation" and Aug. 12, 1946 "George is all the more remarkable because, to the naked eye, he is a clown."

Time—Dec. 14, 1954: "Last week... the President chatted quietly with... golfing companion George E. Allen, Washington lawyer and friend of Presidents."

### PRESIDENTIAL BEHAVIOR

Time—Jan. 21, 1952: "Pres. Truman flapped open his leather notebook and began in his usual flat tone to read his message to Congress on the State of the Union. When he finished 45 minutes later, he had made little news."

Time—Jan. 17, 1955: "Pres. Eisenhower's 1955 State of the Union speech had sweep and calm balance (and although) it elaborated the obvious, perhaps that was precisely what the nation needed."

### INCOME TAXES

Time—Mar. 10, 1952: "This week once again, the American taxpayer... was working over

his income-tax return. He did not do the job happily... The blow, in full and crushing measure, now lands each Mar. 15 on the chin of a fellow named John Q."

Time—Apr. 18, 1955: "... 60 million Americans have by this week signed their 1954 income-tax forms... They did this, wonderful to tell, without riots or protest... It has become more and more unfashionable to criticize the income-tax level."

### PRESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Time—Mar. 20, 1950: "About May 1, after a month back at his desk in the White House, the President will begin a slow trip westward... Officially, the trip will be billed as non-political, an ancient device whereby a President can pay his expenses from his \$40,000 travel allowance instead of from the party treasury."

Time—June 13, 1955: "From time to time, the President of the United States must travel around the country... Last week, Pres. Eisenhower announced one of the most intensive tours since he assumed office. First stop this week: West Point... University Park, Pa... Washington... San Francisco... and a speaking tour of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont."

### POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Time—May 22, 1950: "In this best of all Democratic worlds he (Truman) had something for everybody. For the businessman, he had his new program of government loan insurance and other aids to small business. For the farmer and consumer, he had the Brannan Plan." And on May 22, 1950: "For everyone else, there was a whole grab-bag of social and economic promises."

Time—Jan. 18, 1954: "Through the departmentalized details of his (Eisenhower's) proposals runs a clear, consistent thread, joining each fact and each measure with all the others. The thread is the general good. He has not thrown together a hodge-podge of group interests. Every proposal seems to be tested by the standard of the whole nation's interests."

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## Steamfitters: Prefabrication Rule

By JIM MARTIN

General President Schoemann recently announced that he had appointed General Organizer Leslie E. Dilg to handle and police all pipe fabrication shops.

This appointment came as a consequence of previous assignments by the late President Durkin at whose direction Organizer Dilg began an investigation of means to protect United Association interests relating to shops and prefabricated work sent to job sites. Organizer Dilg found that the shops were not being handled in accordance with terms of the old National Agreement.

Consideration of problems relating to pipe fabrication continued under the direction of General President Schoemann and a new union label agreement has been drawn up.

Therefore, in the future, Local Unions can refuse to handle or install prefabrication, which is sublet by National Contractors, that does not bear the union label and comply with other conditions coming under the terms of the new National Agreement, recently negotiated and upon which National Agreement the writer served as a Committee member.

Also, President Schoemann has appointed General Organizer Joe Monahan to be in charge of all shops throughout the United States and Canada.

engaged in the manufacturing, fabricating and assembling of panel boards and/or instrument control boards. A survey of these shops will be conducted by Organizer Monahan and the findings and recommendations will be submitted to President Schoemann.

At the California Pipe Trades Association Executive Board meeting, held Saturday, February 11, 1956, arrangements were made to hold the 1956 California Pipe Trades Convention in San Jose, California on April 27, 28 and 29, 1956. It has been announced that General President Schoemann and other International Officers will be in attendance at this Convention.

The office would like to remind you that the arrangement that the Union has with Attorney Galliano, relative to legal advice and representation pertaining to industrial cases, has been renewed for another year. This \$1.00 assessment is now due and payable.

Washington's Birthday on Wednesday, February 22, 1956 is recognized as a Building Trades Holiday in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, therefore, in accordance with the terms of our Piping Agreement, Washington's Birthday will be observed as a Holiday and the Business Office will be closed.

## Clinic in Hayward For Kaiser Plan

A spokesman for the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan announces that the Health Plan will open a Hayward clinic, and that arrangements have been made for an open house at the clinic's headquarters, 1079 B Street, Hayward.

Doctors, nurses, and Health Plan staff members will be on hand to meet visitors and members and explain the services and facilities of the clinic.

The open house will be Saturday, February 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, February 19, from 1 to 5 p.m.

It was said that the establishment will be the most modern and best equipped clinic in the Bay Area, and that the medical services and facilities will include general practice, injections, internal medicine, laboratories, minor surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, pharmacy, physical therapy, and X-ray.

"It is the aim of the staff of this new facility," it was stated, "to form a firm bond of confidence based on service to all of the membership in southern Alameda county."

## West Oaklanders Will Hold Reunion March 17

West Oaklanders who attended St. Patrick's school, Prescott, Tompkins, Cole, or Grant schools, or any West Oaklanders whatsoever, will hold a reunion St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at the Exposition building near the Oakland Auditorium, with tickets at \$1.50. Walter J. Johnston announces.

The affair begins at 7 p.m.

THE FAR WEST will feel less impact from the \$1-an-hour minimum wage as of March 1 under the Fair Labor Standards Act than any other part of the country, Regional Director John R. Dille of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage-Hour Division says.

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## To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, February 17 we will get together in a regular meeting beginning at 8 p.m. for such business as may regularly come before it.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Millmen 550

Please attend important meeting Friday, February 17, at 8 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

At the meeting we will vote on the recommendations of the six-county conference (negotiating committee):

1. Demands on the employers in forthcoming negotiations.
2. Serve notice terminating our present trust agreement in order to provide for additional trustees.

Fraternally yours,  
E. J. ALLEN, President; M. D. CINCINATO, Secretary

## Berkeley Painters Local 40

There will be no meeting February 24th due to officers and business representative attending the State Conference of Painters. The next meeting of Local No. 40 will be held Friday, March 9.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN RASNICK,  
Recording Secretary

## Farm Unionist Is Pleading for Aid

H. L. Mitchell, president of the Agricultural Workers Union, an affiliate of the old AFL before the merger, has written to Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council asking for an extra copy of East Bay Labor Journal, issue of January 6.

That issue contained an editorial headed "AFLCIO Should Go All Out for Long Neglected Farm Workers," and concluded with these words:

"If the newly birthed AFL-CIO doesn't go all out for organizing the farm workers, and do what it can toward getting the Government to make a clear distinction between farmers who farm and corporations which pose as old-fashioned farmers with chin whiskers, then the AFLCIO may rightly be considered a flop, by all those genuinely interested in human welfare, no matter how much it does for us comparatively fat cats in other crafts and industries."

Recently there have been reports that Mitchell, alarmed at the rumored intention of the AFLCIO high command to pass up for the time being any great effort to organize farm workers, has been making urgent representations to Organizing Director John W. Livingston that if the AFLCIO fails to organize farm workers their low pay and bad conditions will continue to constitute a threat to the advancement of other workers.

## Anti-Union Shop Background Shown

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The campaign against union security through state "right-to-work" laws is aimed at eliminating strong unions, undermining collective bargaining and spreading non-union conditions, the AFLCIO Department of Research charges in the first issue of its new publication, Labor's Economic Review.

The Review will be published monthly. It will have two sections, the first of eight pages devoted to a discussion of one subject, the second of four pages of economic notes dealing with trends and developments.

The discussion in the first issue covers union security and the "right-to-work" controversy. The economic notes include a brief study of safeguards against depression, an analysis of savings bond purchases, and a table of economic statistics, with comments.

In pointing out that the drive for "right-to-work" laws aims for a world in which workers have no voice in the determination of their wages, hours or conditions, the Review observes:

"The open shop 'right-to-work' propagandists always refer to liberty, justice and free choice which union security provisions supposedly take away from workers. But underlying their misleading declarations of high principle is the attempt to undermine and destroy trade unionism."

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## Painters 40: Make Pact Suggestions

By BEN RASNICK

This office is still accepting suggestions and/or changes that any of the brothers may have with regard to our Bay Area agreement. From the many complaints I've heard from the men on the job, you would think we would have to hire someone to handle the mail; but that's just wishful thinking on my part. It looks like most of the members would rather crab about wages and conditions than attempt to do anything to improve them.

The "Local No. 40 Blood Bank" cards have been sent out and although we have received some replies, there are still many of the brothers to be heard from. If you are one who hasn't sent the reply card in to the local, do so at once because you are holding up this program for the whole local and their dependants.

I have been elected as a delegate from District No. 16, to the State Conference of Painters in Los Angeles. To those brothers that voted for me, I extend my sincere thanks.

Local No. 40 will not meet as scheduled February 24th because the business representative, financial secretary, and recording secretary will be in Los Angeles at that time.

This week's fable: Once upon a time there was an employer who never asked his employees to carry paint or equipment in their automobiles.

The next meeting of Local No. 40 will be Friday, March 9th at 8:00 p.m.

## Mail Service Is Rapped by Labor

Labor's Daily recently said editorially:

From this newspaper's own experience and from many complaints received from elsewhere, it is painfully obvious that the United States mail service is steadily deteriorating.

We believe that the failure of most postal patrons to gripe about the service has added to the problems of the postal workers. Because the patrons haven't complained, service is becoming worse.

Far too many people have a "let George do it" complex when it comes to gripe about an agency of the government. They fuss about it to business associates or to neighbors but neglect to forward their specific gripes to the proper authorities where it might accomplish some good.

The average American feels that the postal worker has a tough job and that he is doing the best he can. There can be no argument with that belief.

But there is such thing as poor management, speed-ups, false economy and the trend to a politicalized Post Office Department. This leads to overworking postal employees and destroys their morale and incentive.

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## Watchmaker's Son Now Union Agent

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Some of the members ask me from time to time what my son George is doing at the present time.

In order to clarify this interest shown by the members relative to my son George, this is to let the newer members know that George at one time was a member of our local and practically grew up in the Labor Movement with our organization.

George won a scholarship to Rusk School at Oxford University in England, where he studied for a period of one year.

Upon his return to the States, he went to work for the BSEIU in Los Angeles. During his employment with the BSEIU, he was contacted by the government and appointed to participate in the Labor Training Program for Free Trade Unions in Western Europe.

George took a leave of absence from the BSEIU and spent one year in Europe for the government. Upon again returning to the States, he took up his place with the BSEIU and at the present time is recently been appointed to the Office of Secretary-Treasurer and Business Representative of Local 102 of San Diego.

While in England, George met the "right" girl and later sent for her. They now have two small sons. His family, as well as himself, are very happy over his new appointment.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, S. F. As one Office is being contested, an election will take place at this meeting.

REMINDER: Assessment must be paid for February with monthly dues.

## Postal Worker Is Battling Ouster

PORTLAND, Ore.—Lowry E. Huey, a Portland letter carrier for almost 30 years and a delegate to Portland Central Labor Council for more than 20 years, has asked for a hearing before a three-man board where he will defend himself against security charges which brought about suspension from his job only a few months before retirement.

Huey was cleared by a federal loyalty review board of similar charges in January, 1950, but they bobbed up again to result in his suspension in January. Huey will make a fight to get the job back and will have the support of the Portland Central Labor Council in demand for a fair hearing based on "credible evidence."

The labor council has called on Senator Neuberger to look into the charges and see that Huey gets a square deal and a speedy hearing.—Labor's Daily.

ROBERT W. CROWN, Democrat, who came within 54 votes of unseating Assemblyman Randal F. Dickey, Republican, in the 1954 election, announces he will be a candidate in the 14th Assembly District in the June primary.

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Dressing Room Chatter

## Theater B-82: All Officers Retained

By JOE CONNELLY

By the time this reaches you we will have reported to the general membership on the outcome of the latest negotiations with the employer committee.

International Representative John Forde, representing the I.A.T.S.E. and the three local unions involved, Locals B-18, San Francisco; B-66, Sacramento; and our local along with representatives of the locals were scheduled to meet with the employer committee last Wednesday.

Those of you who attended last night's union meeting, of course, have received a first hand report of what progress was made prior to getting this edition.

As there was no opposition to the current officers, there was no necessity of holding a formal election, and all officers have been returned for another year.

Up and down the aisle . . . As we are preparing additional statistical data preparatory to our meeting with the employers tomorrow (this column is being written on Tuesday, due to a Wednesday a.m. deadline) we are forced to eliminate the personality sketches usually appearing in this space.

NO RAW CORK is produced in the United States, so cork tittle manufactured in Denmark may be used for California's State buildings, ruled Attorney General Edmund G. Brown.

A NEW NAVY is in the making, a Navy containing atomic-powered submarines, guided missiles, supersonic planes and a maze of electronic devices, says AFLCIO News Service.

Pin Rail

## Newlywed Head of Local 107 Feted

By WILLIAM PELKEY

The party thrown for John Craig and his wife seemed to be a howling success. I wasn't there when the guests of honor arrived but I hear they were very surprised. I'm surprised that with the amount of preparation it took, they were not forewarned.

George Rantz had the job of getting them to the party. He tells me Jack was no help. I would like to have seen the look on his face when he walked in and was confronted with about fifty people, friends and members. Jack asked me to thank everyone for the gift, we also owe a vote of thanks to Howard Goss, Howard Botteroff, George Rantz for the work they undertook to make this a successful party. The wives who prepared the delicious food received their thanks by the empty table, Friend Rice did a terrific job as bartender, we were also honored by a visit from two members of Local 16, Danny Sarris and Bill Maley.

I was sitting at a table talking with my wife when suddenly I was grabbed from behind and kissed. You'll never guess who it was, but I don't think Mrs. Simenson was jealous of her husband kissing me. Really, Harry, I didn't know you cared.

GUARANTEED ANNUAL WAGE contracts may be integrated with State unemployment compensation ruled Attorney General Edmund G. Brown recently.

PORT OF OAKLAND'S growth of waterborne commerce is forecast in a population and economy survey of Oakland by Industrial Survey Associates, of San Francisco.

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## OPINIONS

### LETTER DEFENDS SEGREGATION

Editor, Labor Journal:

After reading your Editorial in the East Bay Labor Journal of February 3, 1956 on "The Struggle over Segregation" I can't keep still any longer. All this talk about the American Negroes being so abused is just a lot of hay.

After all, the Negro was brought here from the jungles of Africa less than ten generations ago. Here he has been civilized, given his freedom, and admitted to full citizenship. What other race of people are given this opportunity?

Today, while his African cousins wander through the equatorial jungles of Africa in loin cloths, the American Negro sports a shiny automobile, a television set and one of the highest living standards in the world. The Negro has attained his present status and initiative but only through the efforts of the white man. History will back me up in that.

They are incapable of building and maintaining a civilization on their own. The continent of Africa offers abundant evidence of this. After all who has provided the factories in which they work, the schools in which they study, the law by which they are governed, and even the religion by which they worship. Everything they are, and everything they have, was acquired from the white man's civilization, and without any expenditures on their part. Where then is the discrimination?

When are people going to wake up and begin to wonder how come nine political appointees can wield more power than the Congress of the United States, and that law was not passed by an act of Congress. Where did you ever get the stupid idea that that law compels anyone whether from the Old South or California to associate with anyone not of their choosing? I'd like to see the law or the man who could make me associate with anyone of any race that I didn't want to. God help us all if that ever happens. God was the first segregationist.

If you know anything at all about the Bible you'll know God had segregation among the different tribes. He forbade them to intermarry. Who is to take upon himself the right to change God's laws. The Bible doesn't say All Men Are Created Equal.

Abraham Lincoln is quoted and misquoted more than any other man who has ever been President of the United States. Some folks say that if he were alive today he would approve the decree of the United States Supreme Court against racial segregation in the schools, but this is merely guesswork. Then, some others insist that he favored votes for Negroes along with other equalities, because he emancipated the slaves. This, too, is in error. The emancipator is certainly entitled to a correct version regarding his attitude on the race problem. He spoke with clarity and firmness on the subject in a speech in Columbus, Ohio, on October 16, 1859. Here is exactly what Lincoln said.

"I will say, then, that I am not and never have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races, that I am not and never have been in favor of making voters of Negroes nor of qualifying them to hold public office, nor to intermarry with the white people. I will say that, in addition to this, there is a physical difference between the white and black races which will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality, and inasmuch as they cannot so live while they do remain together, there must be a position of superior and inferior, and as much as any other man, I am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white man."

Can you dispute these words of Lincoln and do it honestly? So if you're so interested in both sides to this segregation issue why not quote these words of Lincoln's.

"I'll bet you don't because the N.A.A.C.P. will be on your necks. People had better find out who's behind that organization. They'll get the surprise of their life if they do. Thank God for fearless men like these Southern leaders who are not afraid of what anyone says, but who will fight to the death this foul law. If you're so bent on being fair then give both sides of this segregation issue.

Sincerely,  
MRS. M. REESE

## EDITORIALS

### GOP Press and Commie Press Butt in on the Demo Contests

Organized labor in California and in the nation as a whole has endorsed no candidate for either the Democratic or the Republican nomination for the Presidency or the U. S. Senate. But the Republican press of California is very shrewdly interesting in the contests between Democrats for these nominations, and it is to be hoped that most labor people realize this.

In the Presidential primary contest between Stevenson and Kefauver, it continues to be obvious that the Republican press figures rightly or wrongly. Stevenson is the more dangerous opponent to the Big Business candidate, whoever that may turn out to be. For every effort was made by the GOP press to stir up trouble between Stevenson and the Negro voters while Stevenson and Kefauver were in the State together. Very little anti-Kefauver stuff was published by the GOP press, but that press kept dinging on Adlai's alleged unpopularity with the Negro voters.

In the contest for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, it is interesting to watch the antics of the Pegler paper, alias the S. F. Call Bulletin.

For example, in the February 7 issue of the Pegler paper there is a big spread editorial headed "Why Calif. Democrats Haven't Been Winning." The formula for this Pegler paper editorial is to weep crocodile tears over the alleged inability of Democrats to get together, and at the same time to cast "delicate" aspersions against State Senator Richards, who won the endorsement of the Democratic Council gathering at Fresno recently. Former Congressman Yorty, on the other hand, who was defeated by Richards at Fresno, is given a bigger end of the editorial's halfpraise.

The Pegler paper's editorial winds up with the conclusion—though you have to dig around in the oily verbiage to get it clearly in your mind as a statement rather than an insinuation—that the best thing to do, perhaps, is to vote for the Republican incumbent, Kuchel.

Again, the tactics are clear. The Pegler paper is afraid that Richards might prove the stronger candidate, so they mess around in the deal on the implied pretext that it's just too bad Democrats can't stick together, poor dears.

Meanwhile, the Commies are also smearing Adlai every time they get a chance, and implying that Kefauver isn't so bad. That's because they have to pretend to be concerned over Negro civil rights, and so take advantage of the GOP press' noise against Adlai. In the Senatorial contest the Commies in their press are making an effort to horn in on the Richards campaign wagon, so keep blasting away at Yorty.

When organized labor comes around to making endorsements for these two contests—if it does make endorsements within the Democratic circle—no attention should be paid to what either the GOP press or the Commie press say about any of the candidates. Stevenson and Kefauver, Richards and Yorty, should be judged on their own records and presumed merits, not on the bilious aspersions and disgustingly hypocritical laudations of either the Commies or the GOP maneuverers.

### The Gas Steal and the Two Parties

Labor is justified in feeling critical of the role played by Democratic leadership in the U. S. Senate in getting the natural gas steal put over. Lyndon Johnson from Texas and J. W. Fulbright from Arkansas, to name only two of the natural gas area Senators, are too prominent in the party for liberal Democrats to feel comfortable about the role they played in putting over this deal which is sure to raise the price of gas to millions of consumers.

Senator Douglas, Democrat, Illinois, is a man careful with his figures and studies a matter carefully before speaking on it. He said in his great speech against the natural gas bill that the field price of natural gas has risen about 120 percent in the past 6 years, and that additional increases of from 50 to 100% could be expected if the bill passed and effective Federal controls were removed. These field price boosts cause increases, of course, in the charge to consumers.

But disappointing as the record of some important Democratic leaders in the Senate was, there was nothing disappointing about the record of the Republican Senators! They ran true to form, and didn't disappoint their Big Business friends and masters in the slightest degree. For the big opposition to the steal came from the Democratic side, and when it came to the actual vote, here is the record:

For the steal: 31 Republicans and 22 Democrats  
Against the steal: 14 Republicans and 24 Democrats

So of the 53 votes for the steal, the Republicans cast the big majority of those votes; for the 38 votes against the steal, the Democrats cast the big majority of those votes.

It should be noted, too, that among that big Republican majority for the steal, Senators Knowland and Kuchel of California voted faithfully for the steal, a fact to be remembered when your gas bill goes up, as it will soon; and a fact to remember when Senator Kuchel comes up, which will be in November.

The entire episode illustrates why, though nonpartisan, organized labor in its endorsements goes very much more often for Democratic candidates than for Republican candidates. For after all the agony, and all the runouts and evasions, when it comes down to plunking the votes on the barrelhead, the Democrats far more often deliver their votes for labor and the plain people than the Republicans do.

To put it mildly, the Democrats are imperfect, but the Republicans are imperfecter!

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### Carpenter's Fall Aggravated Chest Disease, Board Holds in an Award

Joseph E. Smith in his Workmen's Compensation Newsletter cites the following case:

Brother J. M. P., a carpenter, was working for Moore Drydock Company, and on December 24, 1953, fell twelve feet striking against a flange on the bottom of a tank, and suffered fractured ribs and contusions of the lower dorsal spine. He was immediately given treatment for his ribs and back. When x-rays were taken after the accident they showed that the Brother had a tubercular infiltration of his lungs and he should be immediately confined to a sanitarium.

It was the position of the defendant employer that this chest condition existed prior to the accident because a fall could not cause tuberculosis and therefore there was responsibility on the part of the insurance company for the man's disability after the effects of the rib fractures were gone. The defendant employer agreed to pay compensation for approximately six months, feeling that by that time any effects of the injuries would be worn off and in the normal course of events the man should have been able to return to work.

It was our feeling that while the man had a pre-existing chest condition it was not disabling him from work and that the fall caused an extension of the infiltration of the tuberculosis which disabled him from work.

Dr. Jason Faber and Dr. Challen, chest specialists, testified that the first x-rays were taken about 24 hours after the fall and in their opinion showed that approximately 80% of the lungs had been infiltrated by the tuberculosis and that in their opinion the fall caused an extension of the tubercular condition.

As there were no x-rays to show what the condition of the injured lungs were before the accident the doctors felt that if x-rays had been taken before they would have shown that the infiltration was not as great as it was 24 hours after the fall.

The insurance company doctors took a contrary view, feeling that the fall played no part in the extension of the chest pathology.

After several hearings before the Bureau of Employees Compensation, which hearings were devoted primarily to the taking of medical testimony, an award

was issued finding that the fall had caused an acceleration, or speeding up, of the disease process and an award was issued in favor of the injured workman calling for the payment of compensation from the date of injury, December 24, 1953, up to the present time, and indefinitely in the future, plus such medical treatment as he might need for his chest condition.

The workman received an award of \$3,500.00, covering back compensation and will be reimbursed for his doctor bills and sanitarium bills covering his hospital stay.

This is an important case because it shows that even though a workman may have a pre-existing chest condition if a fall aggravate it or speeds up the spread of the disease that the insurance company is responsible for medical treatment and compensation covering the period of disability.

### All County Officials But 2 Appointive?

All five members of the Board of Supervisors have approved in principle a proposal by County Administrator Earl Stratham that all county officers except the District Attorney and the Assessor be appointive rather than, as at present, elective.

The plan may be submitted to the voters as a county charter in the June 5 election.

STAN LORE, secretary, Pacific Coast Committee of Marine Carpenters is demanding the resignation of Hugh Gallagher, chairman of the San Francisco Mayor's Committee on Shipbuilding, in the dispute over the loss of a \$17,000,000 reconversion job to an East Coast shipyard.

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### Merchants Warned On 'Labor Paper'

Harry H. Hollins, editor of the Kern County Union Labor Journal, published a "Warning to Merchants" on the front page of that paper's issue of February 9. Said Hollins:

"Once again, the California Labor Journal is operating in these parts, and many merchants have been led to believe that it has some connection with this newspaper, the Kern County Union Labor Journal.

"This is not so, as the California Labor Journal has no legitimate connections with this newspaper or with the labor movement in California.

"Merchants are also warned that the Labor Courier, which uses long distance phone calls to sell expensive ads, operating from New York, has no connection with Labor and has been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to cease and desist its claims that it represents any segment of Labor."

If the California Labor Journal is operating around Bakersfield now, it will be operating around the East Bay before very long. The so-called California Labor Journal has no connection with the AFL-CIO, has no real circulation that labor investigators have been able to discover. Anyone approached by it, either by mail or by personal contact, would do well to telephone East Bay Labor Journal at ANdover 1-3892, or the Better Business Bureau at GLencourt 2-3030.

Inspector L. G. King of the Oakland Police Department has some very interesting data, too, on the way "labor papers" which have no connection with labor operate.

REGISTRATION for the Spring session of the University of San Francisco's Labor-Management School will be held on the University campus, Saturday (February 25) from 9 a.m. to noon, it is announced by Rev. Andrew C. Boss, S. J., director.

### Teacher Recruit Clinics Are Set

State Superintendent of Schools Roy E. Simpson has asked for the participation of organized labor in a series of teacher recruitment clinics to be held under the auspices of the State Department of Education.

Simpson in a letter to Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor said that the purpose of the clinics is to stimulate the development of local and statewide teacher recruitment plans to meet the growing shortage of qualified teachers in California.

Haggerty wrote to Secretary Robert S. Ash of the Central Labor Council that it is vital that at these clinics it is "of the utmost importance that labor's viewpoint be adequately represented," as "the tendency in the past has been for these clinics to play down economic factors such as wages and working conditions contributing to the present teacher crisis."

The clinics in this end of the State will be held as follows:

March 1, State Education Building, Sacramento  
March 2, Stanford University

### Labor Law Clouds Seen in Decision

SAN DIEGO (AFL-CIO) — A four to three decision by the State Supreme Court has been clouded California labor law and imposed new restrictions on a union's right to take economic action against an unfair employer.

The case involves a lumber yard and the San Diego Building Trades Council, Millmen and Building Material Drivers Unions. The court has ruled a state court may apply the far more restrictive provisions of the Taft-Hartley law to a labor dispute, even though the NLRB has refused or failed to take jurisdiction in the dispute.

Union activities, once clearly legal under the state law, are thrown under a legal cloud and could be wholly or partially wiped out at the whim of a superior court judge.

### Lithographers

NEW YORK (AFL-CIO) — A referendum ballot by the 30,000 member Lithographers Union has named George A. Canary as president, succeeding John Blackburn, head of the union for the past eight years.

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### BTC Alert About Private Firm on Fremont City Job

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The Plasterers and the Plumbers on travel time as provided in their regular contract with private firms was now before the Oakland Board of Education, and would be taken up later with UC. The educational authorities have argued that the travel time allowed for in the regular contract with private employers should not apply to the schools.

### ELECTRONICS MEN

Childers said that he and S. R. Rockwell, Electricians 595, had conferred with electronic technicians employed at the Livermore Laboratory.

### THAD STEVENS

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, reported that Thad Stevens, member of that union who for years was BTC sergeant-at-arms, has now had to have his other leg amputated. He is in New Jersey with relatives, having gone there after the first leg was amputated.

Regrets were expressed by all delegates. Stevens was very popular.

### PAINTERS CONFERENCE

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, said that the State Conference of Painters meets February 24-26 at Hotel Statler in Los Angeles, that international officers of the union will be present, and he looks forward to get full information on the effect of the merger on local and State levels, and on political plans of labor.

### TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees' report for the last quarter of 1955 was read by BTC Secretary John Davy, and showed that the financial affairs of the council are in very healthy condition. The report was unanimously accepted.

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